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ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Baer, Edith. (1990) This Is the Way We Go to School. Scholastic New York.

Children around the world are shown going to school by car, bus, cable care, ferry boat, skis, train, and other forms of transportation.

Baylor, Byrd. (1977) The Way To Start a Day. Macmillan.

Vibrant illustrations throughout this book help to tell the story of how mankind through the ages have greeted the dawn.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. (1967) Madeline. The Viking Press, New York.

A picture book in rhyme Madeline's experiences are shared with eleven other girls in a Paris orphanage. As the girls tour the town, historic scenes of Paris are illustrated.

Bruchac, Joseph, and Michael J. Caduto. (1989) Keepers of the Earth. Fulcrum, Inc., Golden, Colorado.

Native American stories and environmental activities for children.

Bunting, Eve, and Beth Peck. (1988) How Many Days to America. Clarion Books.

A refugee family travels to America by a small fishing boat. They are all scared, tired, and hungry on the boat. At last they make it to America on Thanksgiving Day.

Carlstrom, Nancy White. (1990) Light: Stories of Small Kindness. Little, Brown.

The stories in this collection come from cultures as diverse and New York City, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Yet all are linked by a gesture of kindness, by a miraculous event that illuminates the human spirit.

de Paola, Tomie. (1974) Watch Out for the Chicken Feet in Your Soup. Prentice-Hall International.

Embarrassed in introducing his friend to his old-fashioned Italian grandmother, a young boy gains a new appreciation of her when he finds how well she and his friend get along.

Earthworks Group. 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth. Andrews and McMeel.

This book shows children simple things they can to to help to save their environment.

Friedman, Ina R. (1984) My Parents Learned to Eat. Houghton Mifflin Co.

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each try, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating. Their daughter appreciates both cultures.

Gray, Nigel. (1989) A Country Far Away. Orchard.

Side-by Side pictures reveal the essential similarities and differences, with emphasis on the former, between the lives of two boys, one living in a Western country and one in an African village.

Hewett, Joan. Hector Lives in the United States Now. Lippincott.

Hector Almarez, a ten-year-old boy from Guadalajara, Mexico, now lives in Los Angeles, California. This essay brings to life Hector's world--his close family, friends, school, sports, and weekend fun.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. (1982) A House Is a House for Me. Viking Penguin Inc., New York.

This book talks about different home--their similarities and differences.

Jacobs, William Jay. Ellis Island: New Hope in a New Land. Scribner.

This narrative gives readers a sense of what it was like to leave one's home and travel to a strange land. A final chapter covers the restoration of Ellis Island as a national landmark.

Kandoian, Ellen. (1989) People are Different, People are the Same--Is Anybody Up? Putnam.

While Molly, who lives on the east coast of the United States, has cereal for breakfast, other people from Alaska to Chile, who live in the same time zone, are also having breakfast.

Levine, Ellen, and Steve Bjorkman. (1989) I Hate English. Scholastic Inc.

A Chinese girl moves to New York with her family. She has a had time adjusting to speaking and thinking in English.

Lyon, Fred. (1970) A Week in Winthrops's World: Hawaii. Crowell-Collier Press, London.

This is a book of photographs and a story that shows the differences and similarities of children in Hawaii and the continental United States. This book is one in a series that deals with these same comparisons between people from many different countries.

Mazer, Anne. The Yellow Button. Knopf.

A yellow button nestled in the pocket of a blue dress provides the starting point for this book, which traces the interconnections of everything in the world.

McDermott, Gerald. (1984) Arrow to the Sun. Viking Press.

The delightful, colorful illustrations of this Indian legend will appeal to readers of all ages.

Milton, Barry. (1985) Other People, Other Homes !

This is a picture book that introduces readers to children from twenty different cultures.

Musgrove, Margaret. (1976) Ashanti to Zulu. Dial Press, New York.

After studying Ghana the author explains some traditions and customs of twenty-six African tribes beginning with the letters from A-Z.

Oakes, Vanya. (1967) Willy Wong": American. Simon and Schuster.

A boy discovers the challenge and fun of being both Chinese and American.

Rylant, Cynthia. (1982) When I Was Young in the Mountains. E.P. Dutton, New York.

Reminiscences of the pleasures of life in the mountains as a child.

Say, Allen. (1982) The Bicycle Man. Houghton Mifflin Co.

The amazing tricks two American soldiers do on a borrowed bicycle are a fitting finale for the school sports day festivities in a small village in occupied Japan.

Dr. Seuss. (1984) The Butter Battle Book. Random, New York.

Engaged in a long-running battle; the Yooks and the Zooks develop more and more sophisticated weapondry as they attempt to out do each other.

Dr. Seuss. (1971) The Lorax. Random House, New York.

The Once-ler describes the results of the local pollution problem.

Sharmat, Majorie. (1980) Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport. Penguin.

When a boy from New York is faced with moving out west, he is not sure of what to expect and therefore expects the very worst things--including gila monsters.

Trundle, Roma. (1978) People of the World. Usborne Publishing, Ltd., London.

This book covers people and their countries, ancestors, language, money, food, cooking, etc.

Vigna, Judith. (1986) Nobody Wants a Nuclear War. Albert Whitman and Co.

This book is about a boy and girl who are afraid of a nuclear war, so they build a shelter to protect them. Their mother explains that grownups all over the world are working had to make the world safe.

Yashima, Taro. (1955) Crow Boy. Viking Press, New York.

This is the story of a young boy named Chibi who lived in Japan and attended a village school. He was very small and did not make friends at all. He was always at the end of the line, the tag-along who was not accepted by his classmates. He was called stupid and slowpoke, but Mr. Isobe, his new teacher and new friend, finds that Chibi has an unusual talent and he helps him develop into a very special little boy.